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"Big Hatchie" is the Bolivar cor-  
respondent of the Memphis Avia-  
tive.

Telegrams of sympathy and con-  
dolence were received by the widow  
of Gen. Hancock from the Presi-  
dent, and a host of the prominent  
men of the union.

The Nashville correspondent of  
the Memphis Appeal says Mr. James R. Phelan, of Memphis, is  
the choice of the people of Hard-  
man county, for Congress. We  
venture the assertion that the Nash-  
ville Correspondent of the Appeal,  
knows about as much about the  
choice of the people of this county  
for Congress; as the people of this  
county, know about Mr. Phelan,  
and that is very little. Mr. Phelan  
may be a good man for the place  
mentioned,—we don't know how that  
is—but he is not the choice of the  
people of this county, as the people  
of this county know nothing of him.  
He may become their choice when  
they know him better, but he is not  
now, and there's no use in saying so.

## DEATH OF GENERAL HANCOCK.

The distinguished soldier and  
statesman, whose name stands at  
the head of this article, quietly passed  
away at his home on Governor's Is-  
land, New York, on Tuesday last,  
at 2:50 p.m., surrounded by the  
members of his immediate family,  
which consisted of his wife and  
three grand-children, the children  
of Russell Hancock, the son of the  
General, who died in 1834. Some  
four weeks ago, a bullet made its ap-  
pearance upon the back of his neck,  
which was lance and soon developed  
into a malignant carbuncle. This  
caused him a great deal of pain,  
but was not supposed to be  
dangerous until on Monday last.  
Early Tuesday morning Mrs. Han-  
cock discovered that the General  
was sinking rapidly, and imme-  
diately summoned his physicians, who  
responded promptly and did all they  
could to save him, but without  
avail. The dying hero layed  
until 2:50, when he breathed his last.  
The news of his death was a great  
shock to his family, as well as to the  
whole country. Another great man  
has gone from the ranks of men,  
and of the great number of distin-  
guished men who have passed away  
in the last few months, none will be  
more generally and sincerely mourned  
than Winfield Scott Hancock.

JUDGE H. H. LURTON.

The Clarksville Democrat announces  
that Judge H. H. Lurton, of  
that city, has consented to allow his  
name to go before the democratic  
convention, as a candidate for a  
place on the Supreme Bench, of  
Tennessee. Judge Lurton was, for  
several years, Chancellor of the 6th  
Chancery Division, of this state, and  
during that time acquired con-  
siderable reputation as an able, quick-  
witted and impartial Judge. He  
is now only forty-one years of age,  
and is well known throughout the  
state, as a learned lawyer, and as a  
gentleman of unexceptionable char-  
acter and habits. He will, no doubt,  
receive a strong endorsement for  
the place he seeks, as merit seldom  
goes unrewarded in a land like ours.  
Should he be nominated and elected,  
he will do himself credit and add  
largely to the character and stand-  
ing of our court of last resort, which  
should be composed of men learned  
in the law, and above suspicion.

FREEMAN AND CALDWELL.

Hon. W. C. Caldwell, of Trenton,  
Tenn., prominently mentioned as  
a candidate for Supreme Judge, on  
the democratic ticket. Mr. Cal-  
well has been a member of the  
Reform Court for Middle Tennessee,  
for the last three years, and has won  
an enviable reputation as a profound  
jurist, and as an industrious worker.  
He is young and energetic, and no  
man can be found who would fill a  
place on the Supreme Bench more  
acceptably to the bar and the people,  
and with greater credit to himself.

Judge Thos. J. Freeman, will also  
be a candidate for election. Judge  
Freeman is too well known to our  
people to need commendation at our  
hands. He has served the state  
ably for the last sixteen years, and  
should be chosen to succeed himself.  
McFarland, Freeman and Turner  
will ever be remembered by the  
people of Tennessee for their decision in  
the 100-3 case. Judge Freeman is  
not only an able jurist, but he is in-  
corruptible, and a friend of the  
people of Tennessee. When we  
know we have such men in responsible  
positions, it is bad policy to sweep  
them off for untried men. Freeman  
and Caldwell are good enough for

## SOME INTERESTING COMPARI- SONS.

The America, of Wednesday,  
contains a tabulated statement of  
the privilege taxes collected from  
each county in Tennessee during the  
year 1855, which aggregate \$341,  
343.71. Said statement shows that  
there was collected and paid over  
from this county from merchants  
and grocers \$1,515.44, while Hay-  
wood paid from same source \$927.  
99, Fayette \$1,990.78, Madison  
\$1,768.45, Haywood and Fayette,  
which should certainly pay as much,  
if not more, than Hardeman, do  
not pay more than two-thirds as  
much. Madison county and the  
city of Jackson, which claims to be  
the seat of Bolivar, only pay about  
\$250 more from the sources named  
than does Hardeman. From  
wholesale liquor dealers, this county  
pays \$459, while Madison reports  
only \$225, and Fayette and Hay-  
wood do not report one cent. Whole-  
sale liquor dealers are those who sell  
by the gallon or over. Can it be  
possible that no one sells liquor in  
Fayette and Haywood by the quart,  
or in larger quantities, and that  
Madison does only one-half the busi-  
ness in that line that is done in this  
county? The State tax on whole-  
sale liquor dealers is \$150 per annum,  
and the tax reported from Madison  
represents one dealer for a year, and  
for six months. Another remark-  
able fact is this, that only ten out of  
the ninety-four counties in Ten-  
nessee report taxes collected from  
wholesale liquor dealers. As to  
whether this is true, it occurs to us  
as worthy of investigation at the  
hands of the officers of the law. Take  
the tax on litigation—Davidson  
reports \$37.50, Shelby \$72.50, Mad-  
ison \$20, Hamilton not one cent,  
Knox \$68.00, Haywood \$16,  
Fayette \$22.00. There is only  
\$15.00 reported from this county  
on litigation, but believing that was  
a mistake, we took the trouble to  
investigate the matter and found  
that the Circuit Clerk had the  
Treasures receipts for \$94.69, the  
Chancery Clerk had receipts for  
\$34.18, and the County Clerk for  
\$17.50, making in all \$46.28 paid on  
litigation from this county during  
1855. It has for years been known  
that the State and counties were,  
year by year, being swindled out of  
a large amount of privilege taxes in  
one of two ways—either the Clerks  
of courts were not collecting it as  
they should, or if they did, they  
were appropriating it to their  
own use, and not reporting it.  
How to correct this evil has been  
the serious trouble. Greater dis-  
gagement upon the part of the State  
Comptroller and the Chairman of the  
County Courts might remedy it to  
a very great extent. If the laws  
are defective, they should be  
amended and made more stringent,  
but we are of the opinion that the  
fault lies more in the administration  
of the laws than in the laws them-  
selves.

## THE TELEPHONE CONTESTANTS.

We copy the following telegraphed  
from Washington, from the Wash-  
ington Post the democratic administra-  
tion at Washington:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The fol-  
lowing from to-day's Post is recog-  
nized as voicing the views of the  
administration in the Bell telephone  
controversy: "We assume that the  
Bell telephone people realize one or  
two important truths. They must  
perceive that their shabby, inter-  
ested claim has not adected the  
determination of the Government to  
inquire into their claims. By this  
claim they have convinced the  
people that there was urgent necessity  
for the inquiry."

The ambiguity with which the  
newspaper of New York assailed  
Messrs. Garland, Lamar and Harris  
has had no effect beyond showing  
that the Bell monopoly had every-  
thing to fear and nothing to hope  
from a searching, impartial  
investigation. Nobody, save those  
having pecuniary interests at stake,  
ventured the assertion, notably Mr.  
Loyd, a single one of the distin-  
guished gentlemen, with whom infi-  
nitely, deserves the smallest appa-  
reil by the cabal.

The investigation will be con-  
ducted in the interest of the public.  
There is no question of exorbitant  
charges at the expense of the Bell  
Company. The object is simply to  
ascertain if some limit cannot be  
placed on the arrogance and rapacity  
of this odious, fraudulent monopoly.

The Government has retained A.  
G. Thurman and other eminent law-  
yers to assist Solicitor Goods in the  
suit.

The public has been treated to a  
large mass of information by certain  
daily papers in the great money con-  
troversy concerning this Telephone  
Company, notably the New York  
World and St. Louis Post Dispatch,  
whose editor is Capt. Albert T. McNeal.  
Popular at home, popular in  
the western district, there is not a  
more popular gentleman in the state.

Judge Freeman, acting in  
the place of Attorney-General  
Oregon, who is incompetent be-  
cause of infirm, has been instructed by  
the Government to push the  
suit against the Bell Telephone  
Company. The bill is now being  
prepared at the Department of Justice,  
and Judge Goode says the  
case will be properly and vigorously  
presented. Among other special  
counsel, Hon. Allen G. Thurman  
has been retained for the Govern-  
ment.—American.

## THE SOUTHERN POOL.

The St. Louis Republican, of a recent  
date, in an able article showing the  
informal likely to accrue to the  
business interest of the south, by the  
Southern Pool, recently formed by  
the railroads controlling the business  
of that section, and after showing  
that the object of the combination  
was to force traffic to pay all that it  
will and retain all the privilege's  
incident to monopoly. The Bell  
Telephone Co., is a giant monopoly.  
Aping the Western Union Tele-  
graph Co., which has swindled the  
people of the United States by its  
enormous profits for the want of  
competition for so many years, its  
aim is either to buy up, or fight  
down every effort to create competi-  
tion.

It has grown so rich in its monopoly  
of the business, it can well afford to  
subsidize newspapers even to black-  
guard public men who chose to aid  
any competing company in organiza-  
tion against its monopoly of the  
business.

It attacks Mr. Garland, the Attorney-  
General, because he holds stock in  
it and is now a member of the cabinet;  
although he got the stock in 1852,  
more than two years before  
anyone dreamed he would be in the  
cabinet.

It attacks Senator Harris, of Ten-  
nessee, in the same way, who also  
took stock the Inventor being a young  
man from his own city, and any  
matters concerned in it having no  
possible connection with his official  
action as a Senator of the United  
States preventing his assistance or  
influence in any honest enterprise.

It attacked Secretary Lamar for de-  
ciding that there was ground to  
have an investigation as to the right  
of competition, and as to the alleged  
frauds against the Bell Telephone  
Co.

We believe that the people of

the country tributary to members  
of the pool may be pleased to fix

it in \$1,000,000.

We note, not with alarm but with

some surprise, that the New York  
Sun is the New York World's able  
coadjutor in its attack. Does the  
New York World consider the Sun  
entitled to the rank of assistant  
counselor to Mr. Cleveland's admin-  
istration?—Washington Post.

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